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That's im-
possible...
He's supposed
to have sunken deep
into the Arctic Sea,
together with his
handbook.

TI Note
Kanji reads,
"Artificial
Human
Number
One"

The One's body was never found.
And, of course it wasn't.
According to Russia's top secret records,
"He took several corpses with him and migrated to this land."
Transylvania
Afghanistan
"20 years ago, while establishing a Kingdom of Corpses in Transylvania, he went missing."
While establishing a kingdom... Why?
As expected of an underling, you were told nothing.
What is that supposed to mean?

There sure are a lot of fun bosses in Walsingham.
It was your Sir Hellsing who foiled The One's plans.
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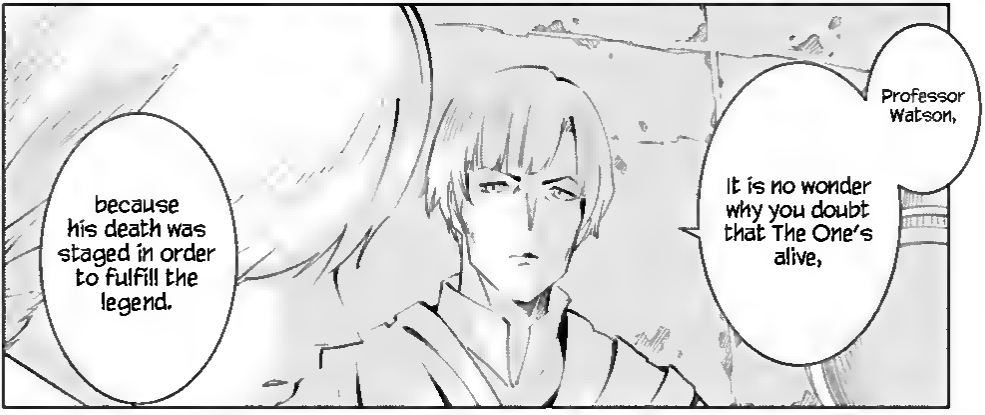
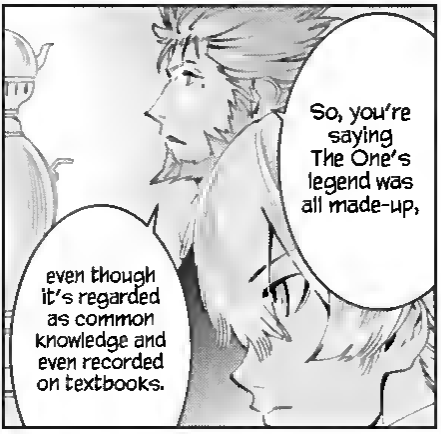
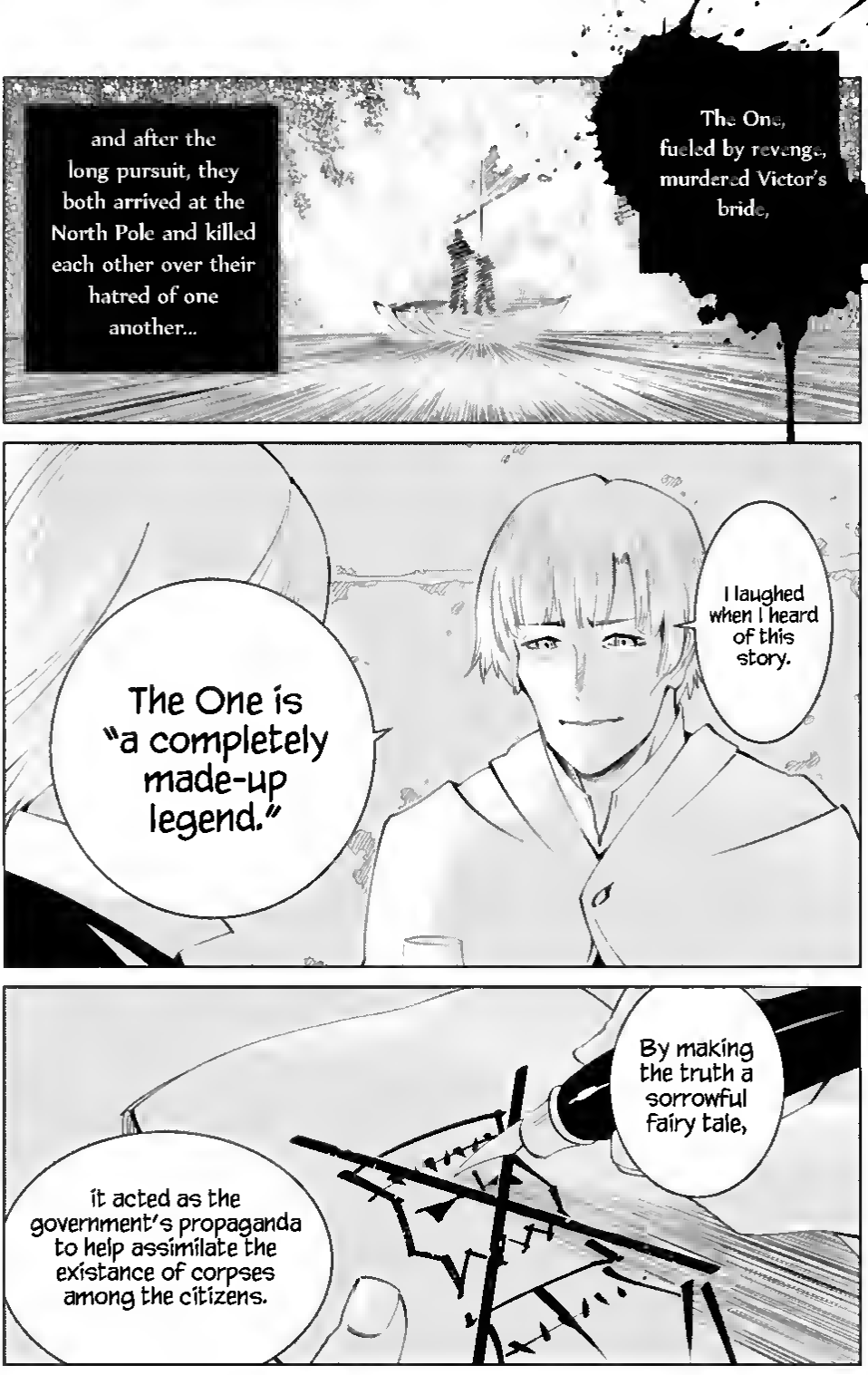

Professor Watson,
It is no wonder why you doubt that The One's alive,
because his death was staged in order to fulfill the legend.

"Common knowledge is not the truth."
Isn't that right, Alyosha?


So, you're saying The One's legend was all made-up,
even though it's regarded as common knowledge and even recorded on textbooks.

Legend
The Corpse Bride
The lonely monster's only wish would not be fulfilled
All because Victor, who regrets having invented corpses, denied his wishes
"the creation of a corpse bride."
The One, created from Professor Victor's selfish acts, was enraged and demanded

TL Note: So he's referred to as "Professor Victor" but they're talking about Professor Frankenstein


and after the long pursuit, they both arrived at the North Pole and killed each other over their hatred of one another...
The One, fueled by revenge, murdered Victor's bride,
The One is "a completely made-up legend."
I laughed when I heard of this story.
By making the truth a sorrowful fairy tale,
it acted as the government's propaganda to help assimilate the existance of corpses among the citizens.

It's no wonder you would think that, because
even after 80 years, humanity still hasn't successfully created a corpse equal to The One.
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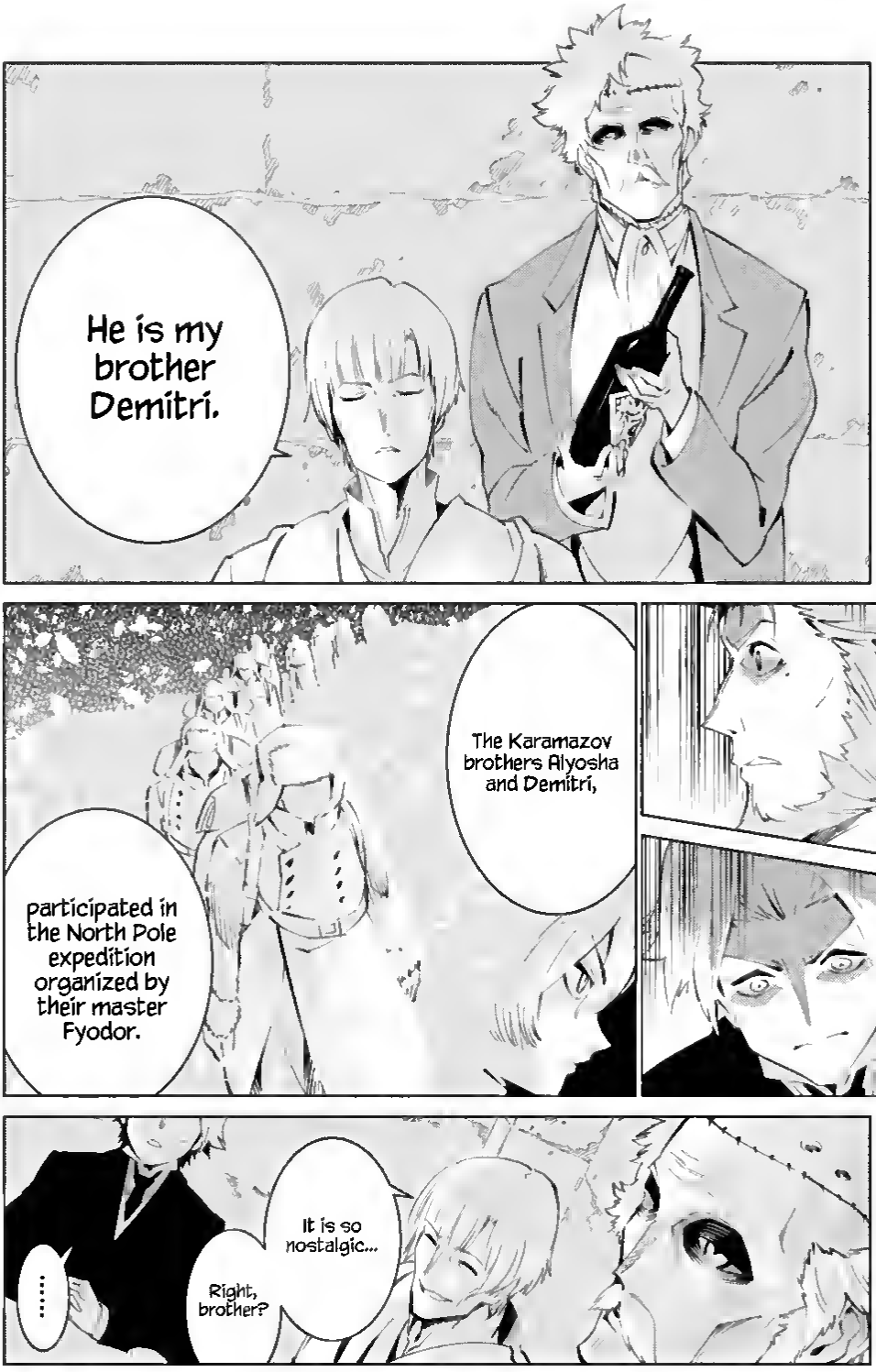
Oh,
is this waiter also a newer corpse model?


He is my brother Demitri.
The Karamazov brothers Alyosha and Demitri,
participated in the North Pole expedition organized by their master Fyodor.
It is so nostalgic...
Right, brother?
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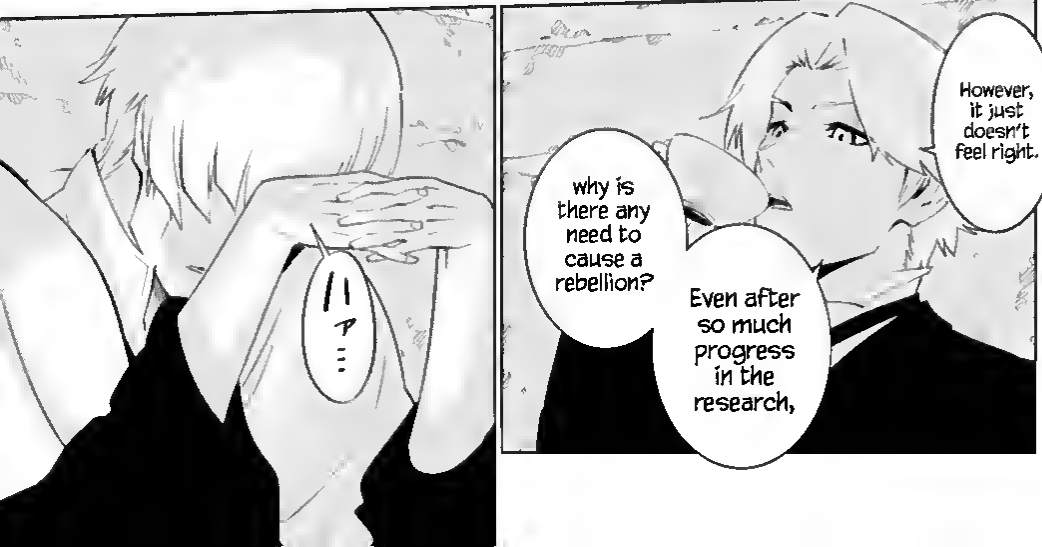
At the North Pole's Sannikov Land, 1
discovered The One's coat and "Victor's Handbook" inside the pocket--
the largest piece of the puzzle missing from corpse creation history, "Victor's Handbook."
The Russian Empire, which got hold of the research, jumped ahead of the rest of the world in corpse technology.
Professor Watson, you overestimate me too much.
Th...
But wasn't that because of your ingenious research?

We have simply learned from the knowledge he left behind,
The One--
what was left of the corpse by Adam.
According to the rumors, even America's Pinkerton also
obtained some information on The One.
I guess everyone thinks the same thing.
Everyone will flock after any shred of innovative corpse technology.

Then what remains ahead is...
If after the Russian Empire, and even Britain and America,
got a hold of newer corpse model production technology,
It's such a fishy story.
between the three super-powers,
A Corpse Soldier World War.

A world war! Bring it on.
The progressive countries would scrape together all the corpse soldiers and mass produce as many weapons as they can!
Money will go around!
And with that money, industrial research and development will progress even further!
There can only be good things coming!!
Is that the future that Britain sees as ideal...
Alyosha
And for that great cause, he dissected and experimented on a newer corpse model at the Khyber Pass.
No, I genuinely
search for the handbook for the development of technology and glory of my country.

After seeing the newer corpse model, it felt close to a recreation of The One.
I sure dissected it.
Is that true...?


However, it just doesn't feel right.
Why is there any need to cause a rebellion?
Even after so much progress in the research,
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That is to stop having any more
stupid researchers such as our-selves
No, no, we need the insane corpse technology developer to keep working hard.
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Besides, corpses are now an integral part of our lifestyle.
We can't go back to how we used to live.
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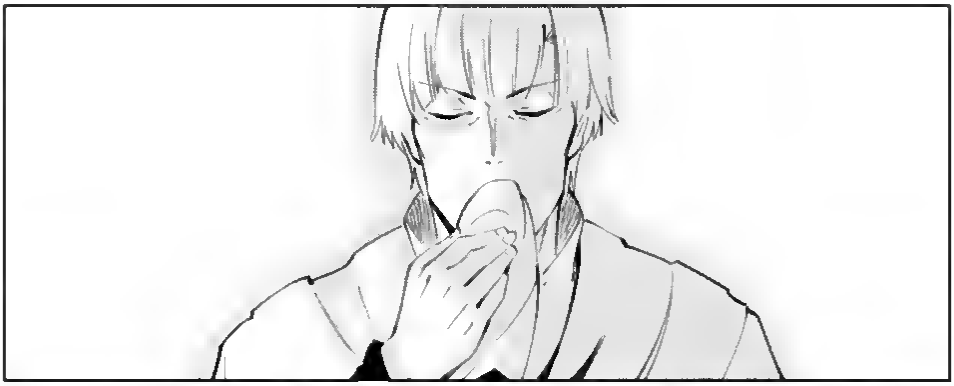

Let's continue our talk tomorrow.
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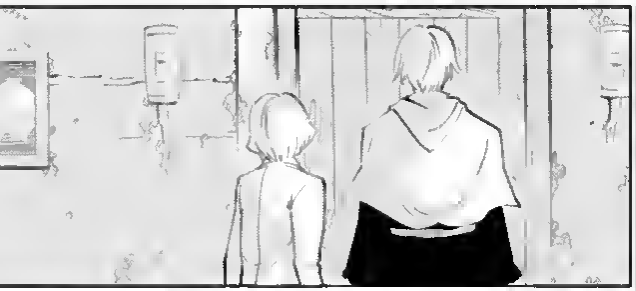
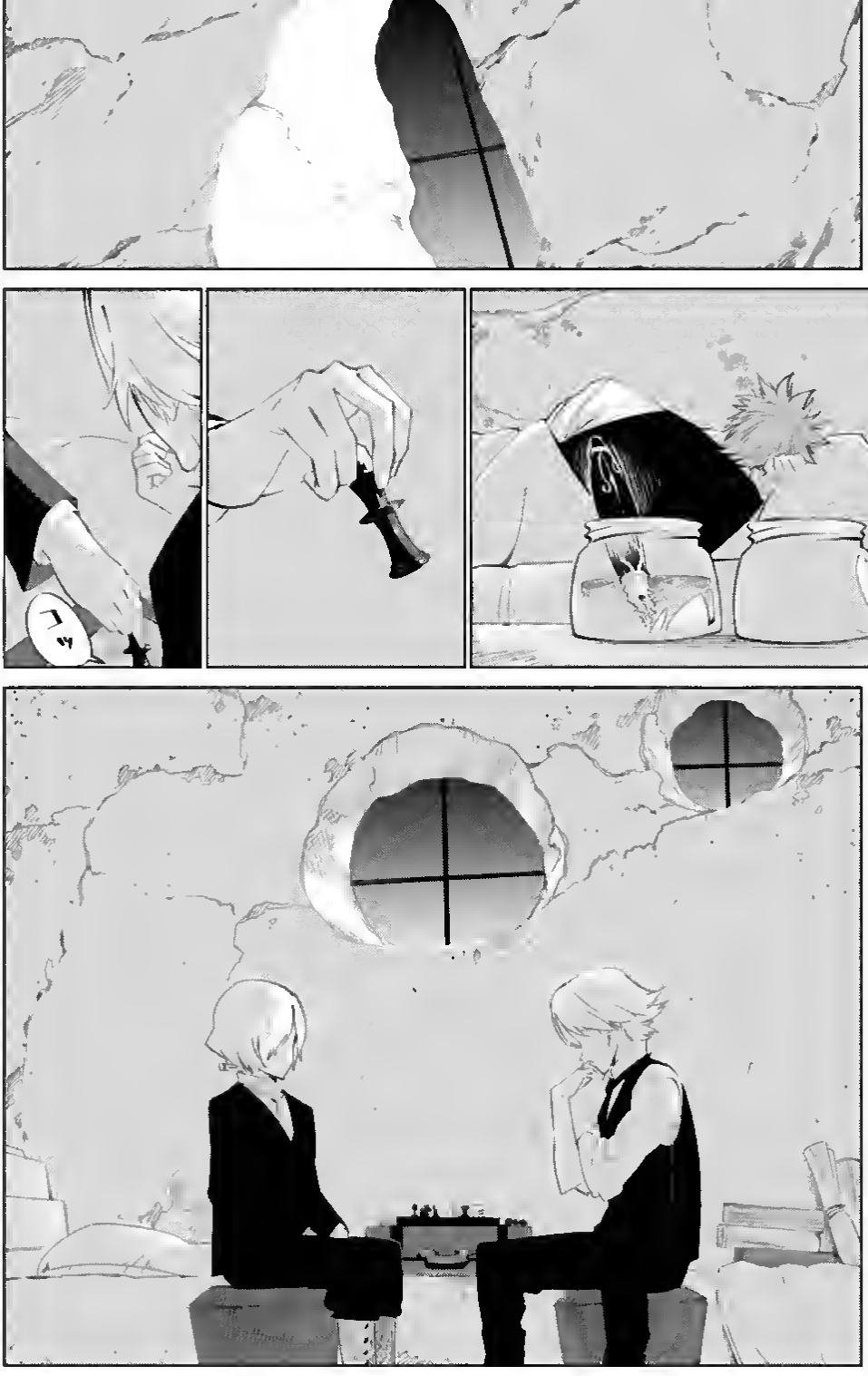
I'll tell you where the handbook is, then.

It's getting late.



Kolya, help me out.
Yes!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Is it an auto chess player function?
It's no fun if it's against a program.
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He was a good player.
I couldn't win even one out of five games.

He is...

...I see.
So you have your own reasons for searching for the handbook.

Professor Watson,
do you have the determination
to shoulder the burden of reality after finding the handbook?

I will return Friday's lost soul.
For that, I'll shoulder anything...!!

I under-
stand,
if that is the
answer you have
reached from
your journey.

Beyond here...
is my experiment room
What is this music ...?
if you avert your eyes...
...it won't be forgiven,

Watch. This is
ガシャン
the future written in "Victor's Handbook,"
the forbidden corpse production method.
Nikolai!!

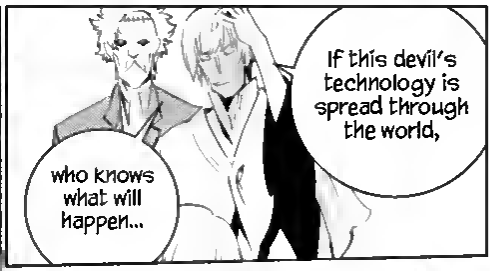
キーー
ガシャン
カタ
カタ
カタ
ゴパ

Nikolai!!
スー
This smell...
It's opium.
And, what is with this bizarre music?
Why would you do something so stupid...
It is impossible to corpsify a living person!!
Using music and drugs to muddle the consciousness of the living,
and using Necroware to maintain it and create a corpse.
This is the newer corpse model production method written in the handbook.

We have destroyed several documents concerning the newer corpse models,
and isolated the majority of the research products in this land.
Just what are you trying to do by making us watch this...?
However, technology always leaks out.
From the newer corpse model which we couldn't contain here,
or from the documents we couldn't destroy,
someday, someone will recreate this technology.

I need to tell someone
the danger of this technology.

Indeed, saying "you need a live human to create the newer corpse model"
is such a ridiculous claim that you can't spread through an official communication channel.


If this devil's technology is spread through the world,
who knows what will happen...

Hahaha...
Hahaha-haha....

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